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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1647**

Docket No.: 30266/37260A

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Tang, et al.

Application No.: 09/894,912

Art Unit: 1647

Filed: June 28, 2001

Examiner: B. Bunner

For: METHODS AND MATERIALS RELATING  
TO NOVEL STEM CELL GROWTH FACTOR-  
LIKE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
POLYNUCLEOTIDES

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 19, 2004. Claims 62-65 and 74-77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks. This response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 5 of this paper.